separate Panchayat sector window in the budgets of State Governments. Such funds would be utilized in accordance with the collective and participative decisions of the Panchayat concerned as a whole and not be exclusively placed with the Gram Pradhans of the Panchayats.

Indian Tourists Missing in Spain

†*407. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India-based embassy of Spain has provided any information on 140 Indian tourists that have gone missing during travel to Spain;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) While the embassy of Spain in New Delhi has not reported any such incident to this Ministry, it is understood that they have lodged an FIR with Tughlaq, Road Police Station, New Delhi on 15th March, 2007, that the Spanish Embassy had issued visas to 144 Indian nationals on the basis of documents indicating that these persons were purportedly travelling on "incentive trips" arranged by a tour operator, namely, Tanvir Tours and Travels, who had claimed that the trip was organised by an Indian cycle manufacturer, namely Hero Cycles. According to the FIR, M/s Hero Cycles, which was later contacted by the Spanish Embassy, denied any sponsorship or connection with the said incentive trip.

(c) The matter is being investigated by Delhi Police.

Sealing of Unauthorised Commercial Premises

†*408. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sealing of unauthorised commercial premises

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is still going on even after announcement of new Master Plan 2021 for the State of Delhi and general elections to Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(b) whether Government have ascertained the number of those illegal commercial premises which are to be sealed; and

(c) if so,the total number of such premises?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY):

(a) to (c) Pursuant to the notification of Master Plan of Delhi 2021 on 7.2.2007 and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12.2.2007 in the matter of "M.C. Mehta versus Union of India & Others", sealing in respect of premises, which are not covered by the Master Plan of Delhi 2021, is being continued by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) under the orders of the Hon'ble supreme Court. MCD has reported that it has not under taken any exercise to ascertain the number of such illegal commercial premises.

Powers to PRTs under the Constitution

*409. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) that real situation in various States with reference to Article 243, 243-A to 243-O as far as powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions are concerned;

(b) the State wise details in this regard; and

(c) the action proposed against the states, which have not transferred various statutory functions to the Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Article 243 and 243 (A) to 243 (O) of the constitution relate to:—

Article 243: Related to definitions of 'District', 'Gram Sabha', 'intermediate level', 'Panchayat', 'Panchayat area', 'population' and 'village'.